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Honorable Alan Cranston
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Cranston:

Thank you for your note of 1 March 1978 forwarding a letter from your constituent [redacted] who expresses his concerns for the human rights of those unwitting participants involved in CIA Project MKULTRA.

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The recently discovered files of Project MKULTRA do contain evidence that research involving human testing was conducted in the fields of behavior control using techniques involving hypnosis, drugs, etc. Our records indicate such testing on unwitting subjects ceased in 1964. Unfortunately, Project MKULTRA files do not contain the names of persons who may have been used as subjects.

The Director of Central Intelligence has assured the Congress that the CIA will attempt to identify those persons who were the subjects of unwitting testing conducted under Project MKULTRA. To this end, the institutions where Project MKULTRA testing took place have been notified of their involvement with the project. The Director has offered these institutions his full cooperation in helping them identify the persons who were test subjects.


In addition, this Agency requested the assistance of the Department of Justice in determining the existence, nature, and extent of any responsibility on the part of the government toward persons who may have been the unwitting subjects of CIA-sponsored drug testing as part of Project MKULTRA.

Please be assured this Agency is making every attempt to rectify this situation.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. As you requested, we are returning the enclosure.

Sincerely,

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